

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 16, 2020.



Children are always welcome in the sanctuary during worship.  
Please ensure they stay with their parents at all times.

# Today's Worship

## Prelude

"Healer of Our Every Ill"      arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
*Please reflect on the words of the hymn ELW#612 or at*  
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006/612>

## GATHERING

*(please stand)*

### Confession and Forgiveness

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(silence for reflection)*

Presider: Reconciling God,

**All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Presider: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

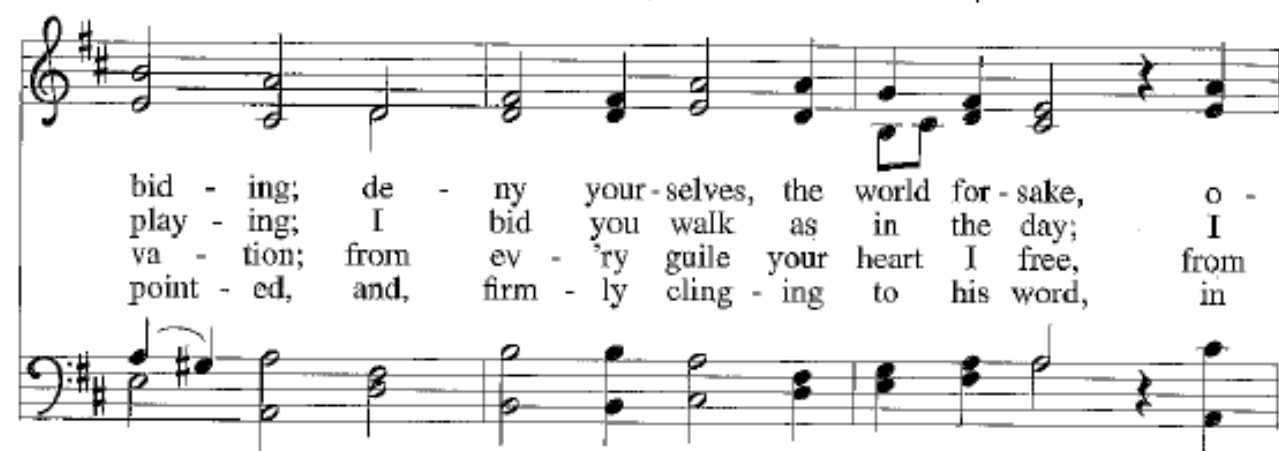
Gathering Hymn

## "Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

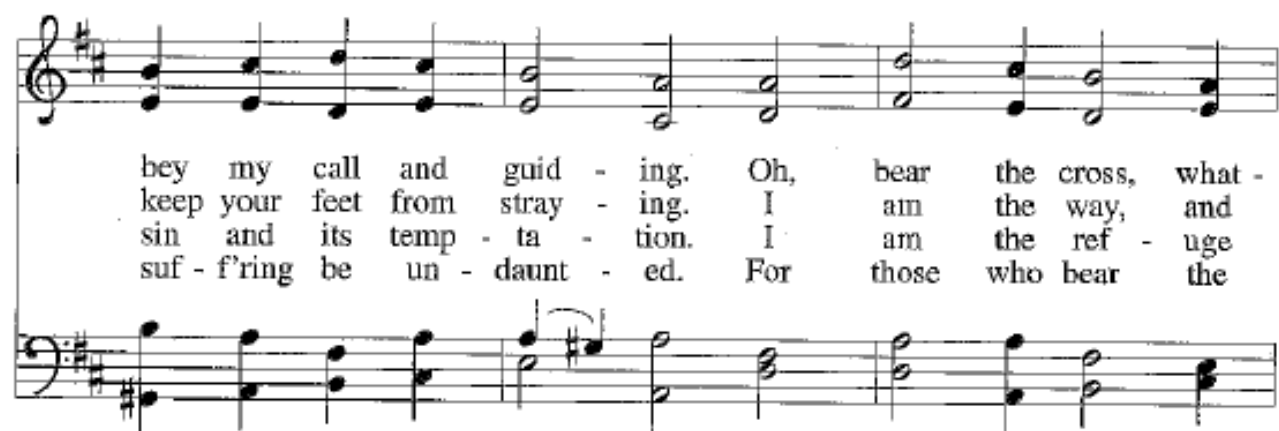
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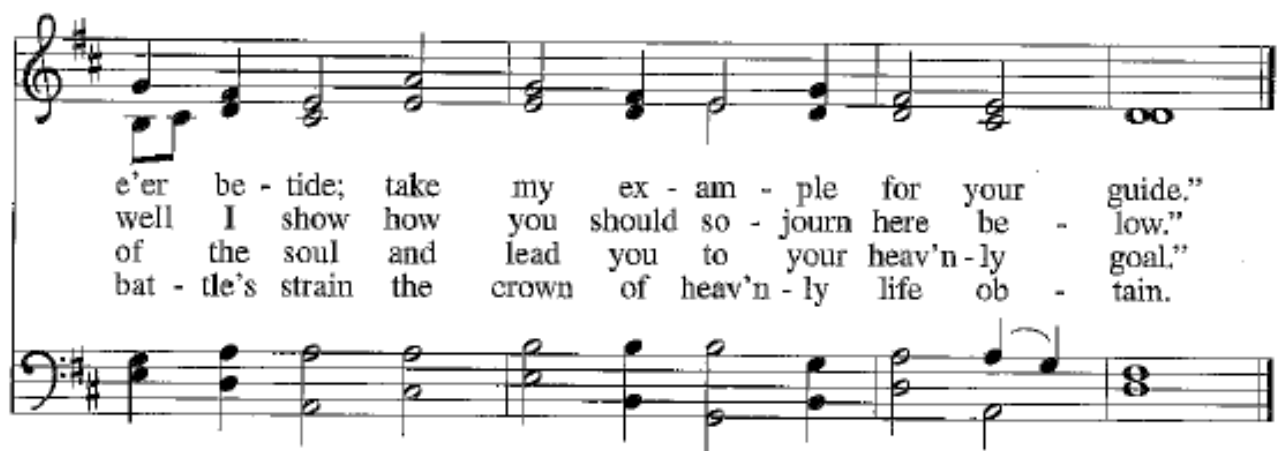
1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -  
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



hey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

## Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Leader                      All                      Leader

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Christ - e e - le - i - son. Christ - e e le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

6                      All                      Leader                      All

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-le - i - son.

## Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of vic t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the

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Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God.

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Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing and

18  
  
 glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.


23  
  
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the

28  
  
 peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of cre - a - tion. Bless - ing and hon - or,

33  
  
 glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb\_\_\_\_\_ for - ev - er. A - men.

37  
  
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of

42  
  
 vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

47  
  
 - gun his reign. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

53  
  
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen**

*(be seated)*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

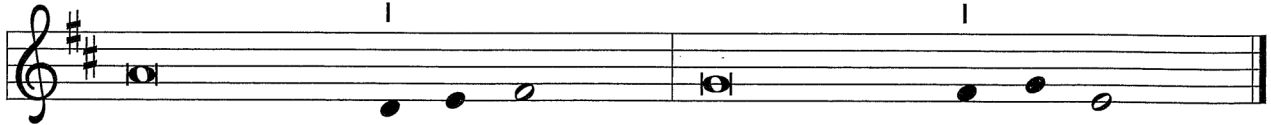
### **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67



- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**  
**God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

**Second Reading****Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

$\text{♩} = 144$

**4**

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

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Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, you have the words of e - ter - nal life.\_\_\_\_

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Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

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Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.



**Gospel Reading****Matthew 15:21-28**

Presider: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader- The Gospel of the Lord.

**All- Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Hymn of the Day

## "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW#587



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
 in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
 ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
 through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
 of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
 by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
 let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*(please stand)*

## **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## The Prayers

Assistant: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Assistant- In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

“O Healing River”

arr. David Cherwien

Your offerings are important to the ongoing mission of Bethlehem and it’s mission partners. Please mail your offering to 603 S. Main St. Kalispell, MT 59901 or give online at <https://bethluth.org/give> . Thank you!

## Let the Vineyards

♩. = 60

Let the vine - yards\_\_\_ be fruit - ful Lord,\_\_\_ and fill to the brim our cup of

7  
bless - ing. Gath - er a harv - est from seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

11  
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

15  
prayers we off - er now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, O

20  
Lord,\_\_\_ and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.---

## Offertory Prayer

Assistant: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

All: **Amen**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

♩. = 100

Thank-ful hearts and voi - ces raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.

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Let all who seek the Lord\_ re - joice and bear\_ Christ's ho - ly

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name.\_\_\_\_ Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,\_\_\_\_ and

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lead us forth in joy\_\_\_\_\_ with shouts of thanks - giv - ing.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The lyrics are: 'Thank-ful hearts and voi - ces raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord\_ re - joice and bear\_ Christ's ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_ Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,\_\_\_\_ and lead us forth in joy\_\_\_\_\_ with shouts of thanks - giv - ing.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and ties used throughout the piece.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## The Benediction

Presider: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ELW#650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

**Dismissal**

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**All: Thanks be to God.****Postlude**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Aaron David Miller

Please reflect on the words of the hymn ELW#588 or at

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006/588>



**Altar flowers are dedicated by Allan and Patti Young in honor of their anniversary.**

**Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:**

Louise Gullick, Beverly Hubbard, Ada John, Maurice Serna, Tom Wiggin, Dale Shawhan, Karl Brohn, Carol Vish, and Rabbi Allen Secher.

**Grief:** family and friends of Tom Walker.

**New Church Schedule Beginning August 23rd**

Beginning next Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> we will begin to bring more people together for worship on Sunday mornings. Those families with last name beginning with A-M will worship in-person at 9am. Those families with last names N-Z will worship online. The following Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, N-Z will worship in-person and A-M will worship online. There will be no more Wednesday services. We'll alternate Sundays this way into the Fall and will keep you updated as we monitor the Covid-19 cases in the Valley. As always, updates and information can be found at our website [www.bethluth.org](http://www.bethluth.org). Thank you for your patience and flexibility through this challenging time.

**Acts Bible Study • Coffee Hour With Pastor Scott**

Are you interested in studying the Bible in your pajamas? Would you like to congregate with other church members from the comfort of your own home? Pastor Scott hosts **Coffee with Pastor Scott** on Wednesday's at 9:00am via Zoom where we meet as a group and enjoy fellowship with one another discussing the topics of the day. **Acts Online Bible Study** is conducted via Zoom and Facebook Live on Thursday's at 1:00pm. We're reading the book of Acts and gaining new insights from Pastor Scott on the lessons from the text. It's a wonderful way to stay connected with one another and experience church and fellowship in a new way. Link to either Coffee or Bible Study via Pastor Scott's weekly email update, or contact Pastor Scott and he can walk you through how to join.

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